

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park Volunteer Training Schedule 2010

As of Feb. 2, 2010

**Sessions held on Saturdays (10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.) and Wednesdays (7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.)
at the national park visitor center 33 William Street unless otherwise noted**

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| Wednesday, Feb. 3 | Content session: Welcome from superintendent, brief overview of training course; history of National Park Service with NPS ranger Emily Prigot, history of New Bedford Whaling NHP with Arthur Bennett <i>confirmed</i> |
| Wed., Feb. 10 | Content session: Native Americans in New Bedford and vicinity
Volunteer Diane Duprey <i>confirmed</i> |
| Sat., Feb. 13 | Content session: History of New Bedford with librarian and historian Judy Downey <i>confirmed</i> |
| Wed., Feb. 17 | Technical session: Interpretation for young visitors; education program session with Frank Barrows, New Bedford Whaling NHP staff; for volunteers interested in leading or assisting with educational activities <i>confirmed</i> |
| Saturday, Feb. 20 | Content session: Quakers and Quaker perspective with Betty Cazden, Quaker historian, writer, speaker, and workshop leader <i>confirmed</i> |
| Wed., Feb. 24 | Content session: African Americans and the Underground Railroad in New Bedford with Lee Blake, President, New Bedford Historical Association <i>confirmed</i> |
| Saturday, Feb. 27 | Cape Verdean community with Adonis Ferreira and Azorean community with Tom Alves??
<i>Not confirmed</i> |
| Wed., March 3 | Content session: the worldwide search for whales with Mike Dyer, Maritime Curator of New Bedford Whaling Museum
Location: Whaling Museum Research Library, 791 Purchase St. <i>confirmed</i> |
| Sat., Mar. 6 | Content session: Seaman's Bethel history and tour of Mariner's Home With Volunteer Christine Berry <i>confirmed</i>
Starting location: Seamen's Bethel, 15 Johnny Cake Hill |
| Wed., Mar. 10 | Content session: Tour of Rotch-Jones-Duff (RJD) House and Garden Museum with RJD Executive Director Kate Corkum
Location: Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum, 396 County St. <i>confirmed</i> |

Sat., Mar. 13	Technical session: Introduction to New Bedford's education programs, with Frank Barrows, New Bedford Whaling NHP staff; for volunteers interested in leading or assisting with educational activities	
Wed., March 17	Content session: New Bedford's fishing industry with Tove Bendiksen and Laura Orleans of Working Waterfront	<i>Not yet confirmed</i>
Wed., March 24	Customer Service/Front Desk training. Watch or participate in some fun skits! Required for all front desk volunteers.	<i>confirmed</i>
Saturday, March 27	Technical session: Putting it all together: how to put together a walking tour, with New Bedford National Historical Park ranger Frank Barrows	<i>confirmed</i>
Saturday, April 3	Technical session: Interpretation and Themes course, or "how do we get those visitors to care?" With New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park ranger Emily Prigot Compulsory for anyone offering tours or thinking of offering tours	<i>confirmed</i>
Wed., April 7	Content session: Whales then and now with Bob Rocha, Science Programs Manager at New Bedford Whaling Museum	<i>confirmed</i>
Saturday, April 10	Technical session: What are our resources, and what do they mean? And How to tell ALL sides of a story, with Lowell National Historical Park ranger Tess Shatzer Compulsory for anyone offering tours or thinking of offering tours	<i>confirmed</i>
Saturday, April 17	Content session: the Schooner Ernestina, a National Historical Landmark vessel, with Polly Zajac, Member of Schooner Ernestina Board of Directors Location: TBA	<i>confirmed</i>
Saturday, April 24 Note: 12:00 noon	Familiarization Tour: Walking tour of downtown New Bedford's newest unique shops, galleries and other commercial and retail establishments with Diane Nichols, President, Downtown New Bedford, Inc. Please wear comfortable walking shoes, and dress for the weather.	<i>confirmed</i>

Please note: this schedule is subject to change.

Please contact Emily Prigot, training coordinator, at 508-996-4095 ext. 6105 for updates.

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In case of inclement weather, sessions may be postponed or cancelled.

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